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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 16 - 27 POLITICAL TRAINING FOR FSN STAFF:
NOMINATION FROM KUWAIT

REF: A) STATE 119253
B) FSINFATC 450
C) STATE 2153
D) KUWAIT 72
E) 05 FSINFATC 2062
F) 05 KUWAIT 3115
G) 05 STATE 115052

¶1. Per reftel A, Embassy Kuwait nominates FSN Political Assistant Rasha Farouk Rizk Salib for the October 16 - 27, 2006 course on Political Training for locally employed staff. Ms. Salib has been employed by Embassy Kuwait since April 2005 and has not benefited from FSI training. Post considers Ms. Salib an ideal candidate for training: she is dedicated, contentious, always open to new assignments and challenges, and greatly contributing to the Political Section's efforts to expand its reporting and develop new contacts. She is one of two LES employees in the Political Section and her portfolio includes human rights and democracy-building issues, trafficking in persons, and women's political participation. She backs up the Protocol Assistant and also works closely with LES staff in the Public Affairs Section. She also helps to identify partner organizations and participants for Post's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) programs. Ms. Salib has excellent English language skills and has independently taken advanced English classes to improve her writing skills which she has put to use by drafting several cables this year.

¶2. The Political Section currently has a vacant reporting officer position and relies heavily on the LES staff for press summaries, brief cables, and contributions to unclassified briefing books for the many visitors to Kuwait. This year, Kuwait's long-serving Amir died, two new governments were formed, and parliamentary elections were held in which women participated as voters and candidates for the first time. Post depended greatly on the LES staff to track developments, compile biographic data on parliamentary candidates, and assist in the implementation of fast-track MEPI programs. Ms. Salib performed admirably and shared in a Group Meritorious Honor Award for her efforts. The time is right for FSI training to enhance her understanding of the U.S. foreign policy process. Ms. Salib was selected for the training offered in April, but due to severe budget cuts, at that time Post could not fund her participation (ref B). Funds currently are available for her participation.

¶3. Candidate Background:

Name: Rasha Farouk Rizk Salib

Grade: FSN 8

Length of Service: At the time of training, 1.5 years English

Language Ability: Post assessment is 4/3

Time Spent in the U.S.: None

Previous FSI Training: None

¶4. Post contact is Political Chief Natalie E. Brown, who can be reached at BrownNE2@state.gov, (965) 259-1457, or by IVG at

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